

REMARKS

In the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have proposed amendments to the specification to correspond to the drawings. Applicants have also proposed an amendment to Figures 3 and 4a to correct duplicated reference numbers to correspond to the presently amended specification. No amendments to the claims have been made and no new matter has been added. Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be required; however, in the event any fee, including a fee for an extension of time, is required, please charge that fee to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Deposit Account No. **50-2587**.

Respectfully submitted,



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